

Olympic National Park is one of the wildest places left in the contiguous United States. In 1988, Congress designated 95% of Olympic as wilderness to further protect the wild areas of the park from development. Congress defines Wilderness as "...an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor and does not remain." These areas "shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such a manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness..." Learn more about your National Wilderness Preservation System at www.wilderness.net.

Each year, nearly 40,000 people camp in the Olympic Wilderness. Because of the large number of people, each of us should take the time to consider what effect our actions have on wildlife, plants, other visitors and the overall wildness of Olympic National Park.

Camping

Permits: A Wilderness Permit is required for all overnight trips. Permits are limited for trips between May 1 and September 30. Advance reservations may be made no more than 30 days in advance by calling the Wilderness Information Center (WIC) (360) 565-3100. Permits for overnight trips must be obtained at the WIC during business hours. Permits cost \$5 plus \$2 per person, per night for those 16 yrs. old and older.

<u>Campsites:</u> Grand Lake (7 sites), Moose Lake (7 sites), Glady Lake (4 sites)

<u>Toilets:</u> Composting toilets are available at Grand Lake and Moose Lake. You can help the composting process by not urinating in these toilets. Elsewhere, bury all human waste 6-8 inches deep and 200 feet from campsites or water. Please pack out your toilet paper. Urinate on trails or rocks 200 feet from campsites or water to prevent deer from pulling up urine-soaked vegetation.

Water Source: Grand Creek, lakes. Always boil, filter or treat your water.

<u>Stock:</u> Camping with stock is not allowed above 3,500 feet. Trails are very steep, with rock steps. Trailhead parking is limited.

Special Concerns

<u>Leave No Trace</u>: Camping is allowed in designated sites only, year-round. Camping or walking on vegetation will lead to its destruction. Please stay on trails, rock or on snow. Subalpine vegetation is very fragile.

<u>Fires:</u> Subalpine forests and meadows need dead and decaying wood for nutrients. Fires are prohibited above 3,500 feet to protect fragile plants and soils. Campfires are prohibited in Grand Valley.

<u>Wildlife:</u> Bear wires are available at Grand Lake, Moose Lake and Gladys Lake. Bears have obtained human food in Grand Valley. Never store your food in your tent or pack while in camp. If you do not secure your food you may be endangering yourself, your gear, other campers, bears and other wildlife. Food storage regulations are strictly enforced. Bear canisters are required in areas that do not have trees suitable for hanging food properly.

<u>Safety:</u> Grand Pass may be snow covered until late July. Ice axe and self-arrest skills may be necessary.

Other Regulations: Pets, weapons and wheeled vehicles are prohibited on park trails and in the backcountry.

